

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method of generating employment market statistics ~~from~~via a network, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a) ~~—~~accessing, by a data processing device, an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

(b) ~~—~~matching, by the data processing device, the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

(c) ~~—~~updating, by the data processing device, at least one statistical indicator associated with ~~the~~a matched employment market category, ~~wherein step (c) the updating comprises the step of~~ calculating a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a) ~~—~~accessing, by a data processing device, an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

(b) ~~—~~matching, by the data processing device, the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

(c) ~~—~~updating, by the data processing device, at least one statistical indicator associated with ~~the~~ a matched employment market category;

wherein ~~step (c)~~ the updating comprises ~~the steps of~~:

incrementing a first counter associated with the matched employment market category ~~when~~ in response to determining the employment resource is a resume; and

incrementing a second counter associated with the matched employment market category ~~when~~ in response to determining the employment resource is a job listing.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein ~~step (b)~~the matching comprises ~~the steps of:~~

- matching the employment resource to a raw category;
- matching the employment resource to an interim category; and
- matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein ~~step (a)~~the accessing an employment resource comprises ~~the steps of:~~

- sending a client request across the network to a server; and
- receiving the employment resource via the network.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

repeating ~~steps (a) through (e)~~the accessing, matching, and updating for each of a plurality of employment resources; and

for each of the plurality of market categories, plotting the associated statistical indicator.

11-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

means for accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories;
and

means for updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said means for updating at least one statistical indicator comprises means for calculating a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

means for accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories;
and

means for updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said means for updating at least one statistical indicator comprises:

means for incrementing a first counter associated with the matched employment market category ~~when~~in response to determining the employment resource is a resume; and

means for incrementing a second counter associated with the matched employment market category ~~when~~in response to determining the employment resource is a job listing.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

means for matching the employment resource to a raw category;

means for matching the employment resource to an interim category; and

means for matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, wherein said means for accessing an employment resource comprises:

means for sending a client request across the network to a server; and

means for receiving the employment resource via the network.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising means for plotting the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

a data processing device configured with:

a spider engine ~~that accesses~~ configured to access an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data; and

a statistical analysis engine ~~that matches~~ configured to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories and ~~calculate~~ to calculate a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-readable storage program product comprising a~~ computer-useable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions, program logic stored therein, said computer program logic~~execution of which by a data processing device causes the data processing device to perform operations~~ for generating employment market statistics from a network, ~~wherein said computer program logic comprises~~operations comprising:

~~means for enabling the computer to access~~accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

~~means for enabling the computer to match~~matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

~~means for enabling the computer to update~~updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein ~~said means for enabling the computer to update~~the updating at least one statistical indicator comprises ~~means for enabling the computer to calculate~~calculating a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

27. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer-readable storage program product comprising a~~ computer-useable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions, program logic stored therein, said computer program logic~~execution of which by a data processing device causes the data processing device to perform operations~~ for generating employment

market statistics from a network, ~~wherein said computer program logic comprises~~operations comprising:

~~means for enabling the computer to access~~accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

~~means for enabling the computer to match~~matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

~~means for enabling the computer to update~~updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category;

wherein said ~~means for enabling the computer to update~~updating at least one statistical indicator comprises:

~~means for enabling the computer to increment~~incrementing a first counter associated with the matched employment market category ~~when~~in response to determining the employment resource is a resume; and

~~means for enabling the computer to increment~~incrementing a second counter associated with the matched employment market category ~~when~~in response to determining the employment resource is a job listing.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program product~~ of claim 26, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium program product of claim 26, wherein said ~~means for enabling the computer to match~~ the operation of matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

~~means for enabling the computer to match~~ matching the employment resource to a raw category;

~~means for enabling the computer to match~~ matching the employment resource to an interim category; and

~~means for enabling the computer to match~~ matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium program product of claim 26, wherein said ~~means for enabling the computer to access~~ the operation of accessing an employment resource comprises:

~~means for enabling the computer to send~~ sending a client request across the network to a server; and

~~means for enabling the computer to receive~~ receiving the employment resource via the network.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program product~~ of claim 26, ~~wherein said operations further comprising means for enabling the computer to~~ plot~~comprise plotting~~ the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein ~~step (b)~~the matching comprises ~~the steps of:~~

- matching the employment resource to a raw category;
- matching the employment resource to an interim category; and
- matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein ~~step (a)~~the accessing comprises ~~the steps of:~~

- sending a client request across the network to a server; and
- receiving the employment resource via the network.

37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

repeating ~~steps (a) through (e)~~the accessing, matching, and updating for each of a plurality of employment resources; and

for each of the plurality of market categories, plotting the associated statistical indicator.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein said means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

- means for matching the employment resource to a raw category;
- means for matching the employment resource to an interim category; and
- means for matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

40. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein said means for accessing an employment resource comprises:

- means for sending a client request across the network to a server; and
- means for receiving the employment resource via the network.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising means for plotting the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.

42. (Currently Amended) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:

a processing device configured with:

a spider engine ~~that accesses~~configured to access an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data; and

a statistical analysis engine ~~that matches~~configured to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories, wherein the statistical analysis engine ~~increments~~further is configured to increment a first counter associated with the matched employment market category ~~when~~in response to determining the employment resource is a resume and ~~increments~~to increment a second counter associated with the matched employment market category ~~when~~in response to determining the employment resource is a job listing.

43. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program-product~~ of claim 27, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

44. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program-product~~ of claim 27, wherein said ~~means for enabling the computer to match~~the operation of matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

~~means for enabling the computer to match~~matching the employment resource to a raw category;

~~means for enabling the computer to match~~matching the employment resource to an interim category; and

~~means for enabling the computer to match~~matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

45. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program product~~ of claim 27, wherein said ~~means for enabling the computer to access~~the operation of accessing an employment resource comprises:

~~means for enabling the computer to send~~sending a client request across the network to a server; and

~~means for enabling the computer to receive~~receiving the employment resource via the network.

46. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium ~~program product~~ of claim 27, the operations further comprising ~~means for enabling the computer to plot~~plotting the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.